



# U.S. Army Ranger School







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*Follow Me*

*Rangers Lead the Way!*





# Historical Significance

## *The Foundation of the Ranger Program*

Ranger training at Fort Benning, Georgia began in SEP 1950 during the Korean war with the formation and training of 17

Airborne Ranger companies by the Ranger Training Command. In OCT 1951 the Commandant of the US Army Infantry School established the Ranger Department and extended Ranger training to all combat units in the Army. The first Ranger Class for individual candidates graduated on 01 MAR 1952.

On 01 NOV 1987, the Ranger Department reorganized into the Ranger Training Brigade, and established three Ranger Training Battalions.



**Ranger training remains relevant and valuable to our fo**



# Ranger Training Brigade Mission

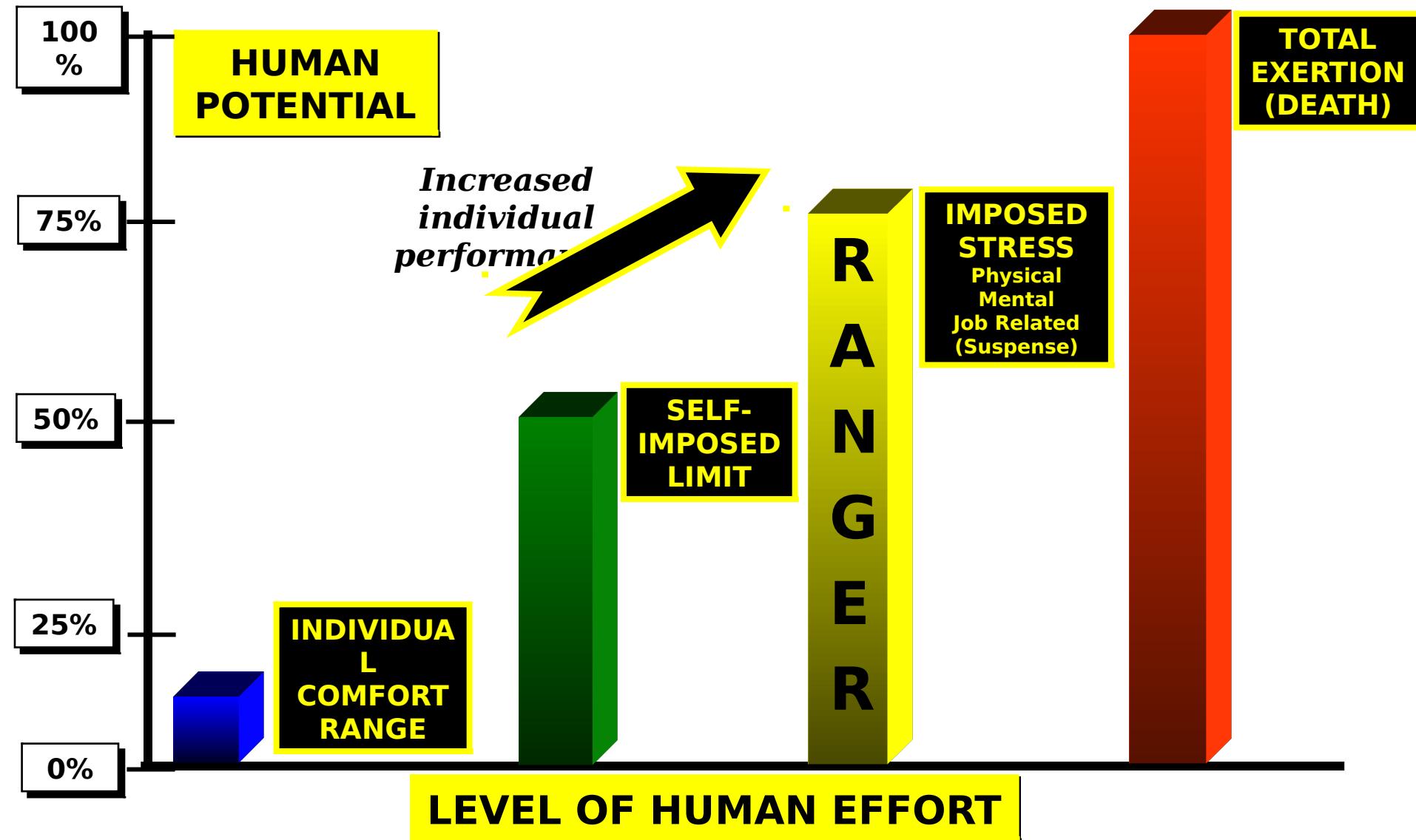
Conduct Ranger and Reconnaissance and Surveillance Leader Courses to further develop the combat arms skills of Officer and Enlisted volunteers eligible for assignment to units whose primary mission is to engage in the close-combat, direct fire battle.

**Produce as many Ranger and RSLC leaders as possible within standards.**



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# Ranger Training Goal



# Ranger Training Brigade Task Organization

**Camp Merrill**  
*(184 Miles)*  
**5th RTBn 17/195/5**  
CDR: LTC Kyle Lear  
CSM: CSM Marc Pfrogner

★ **Dahlonega** (*4hrs/45min*)\*\*\*

**Fort Benning** ★

**Camp Rogers**  
**RTB HQs 12/28/5**  
CDR: COL Douglas Flohr  
CSM: CSM John Burns  
**Darby/RSLC Compound**  
**4th RTBn 23/276/3**  
CDR: LTC Sean Mullen  
CSM: CSM Mark Collazos

**Camp Rudder**  
*(237 Miles)*  
**6th RTBn 19/205/5**  
CDR: LTC Larry Perino  
CSM: CSM Lawrence Elders

**Eglin AFB** ★  
*(5hrs/1hr)*\*\*\*

(Auth  
Officer/Enlisted/Civilian)  
Total 75/762/19

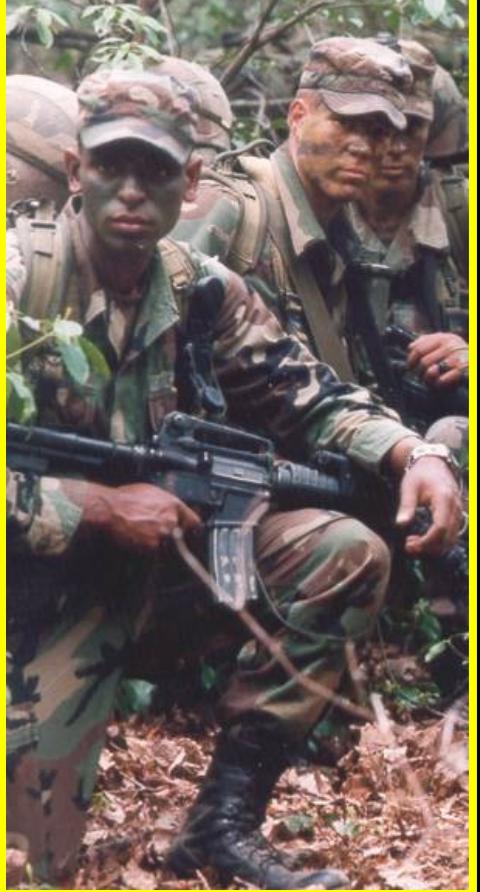
\*\*\* Travel Time by Ground/Air



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# Course Imposed Stress

## Ranger Student



- 61 days of physical and mental exertion
- Students carry 65-90 lbs combat equipment
- Tactical foot movements of 200+ miles
- Only 2200 calories a day
- 0 to 5 hours of sleep a night
- 6+ graded leadership positions
- Peer evaluations after each phase

***“Readily will I display the intestinal fortitude required to fight on to the Ranger objective and complete the mission, though I be the lone survivor.”***



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# Ranger Volunteer



- **Best soldier from unit**
- **3 time volunteer**
- **Physically and mentally fit**
- **Open to all MOSs : CSA has approved all officers and enlisted soldiers with CS / CSS MOSs to attend Ranger School (combat exclusion policy still applies)**
- **All services**
- **Foreign Armies**



***“...fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession.”***



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# Average Ranger Class

## General

- Class Size 290
- Avg Age 19-27
- Avg Yrs Exp 2.3
- 11 Courses Annually
- Ranger Training

## Days

348 Days / Year

- High Risk Training  
310 Days / Year



## Ranks / Numbers

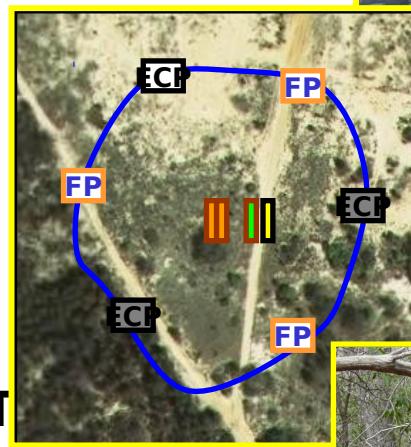
CPT / 1LT	35	
2LT	115	
SFC / SSG	20	
SGT / CPL	35	
SPC / PFC	85	



# Contemporary Operations in Ranger School

## Ranger School Relevancy to the Current Threat:

- Increased Urban Signature on Objectives
- Scenarios using Combat Outposts
- Convoy Operations with Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)
- Opposing Force (OPFOR):
  - Reluctant Fighter
  - Die-hard Insurgent
  - Martyrs (VBIEDs / Vests)
- Fires Integration
  - Call For Fire Trainer (CFFT)
  - ATK Aviation (CCA) / AC-130
- MEDEVAC/CASEVAC Operations





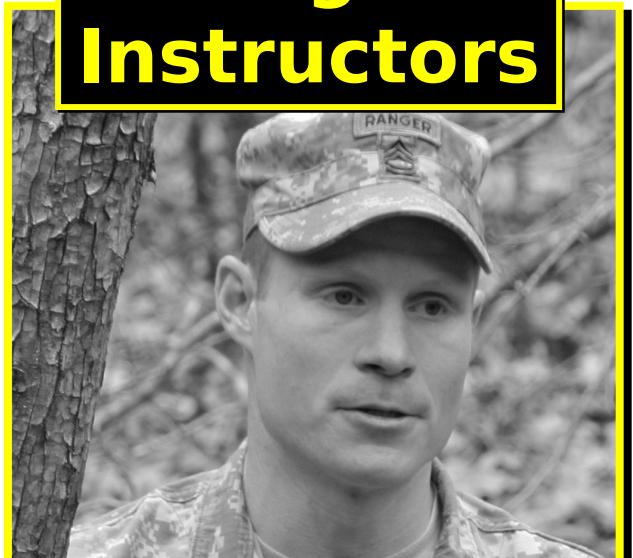
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# Cornerstone of Ranger School

**Leadership: Competent &**

**Selection:** Centrally Controlled by  
Human Resources Command  
(Ranger Branch).

## Ranger Instructors



**Student / Instructor Ratio**  
**9:1**



**Training:** Ranger School, Jump Master, Pathfinder, BNCOC, ANCOC, EMT, DEMO, SERE, HALO, EIB, SCUBA, Assault Climber, Mountaineering, Combat Lifesaver

### **Experience:**

- 2 - 4 Years leader time in TO&E units
- 100% Ranger Qualified
- Physically fit
- 2-4 Years college education
- Undergo a 3-6 month certification process



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# Ranger Course Progression

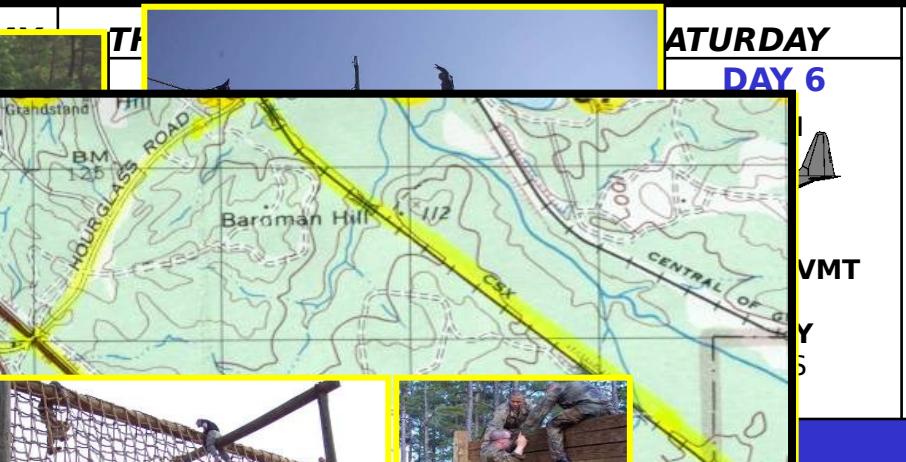
- Develop Combat Leader Skills
- Train to Standard
- Relevant to current threat
- Focus on
  - Warrior Ethos
  - Human Dimension
  - Physical/Mental Toughness
  - Warrior Tasks and Drills
  - Fundamentals
  - Small unit combat leaders





# Benning Phase

*Current POI*



PB

PL

STUDENT-LED PATROLS AMBUSHES

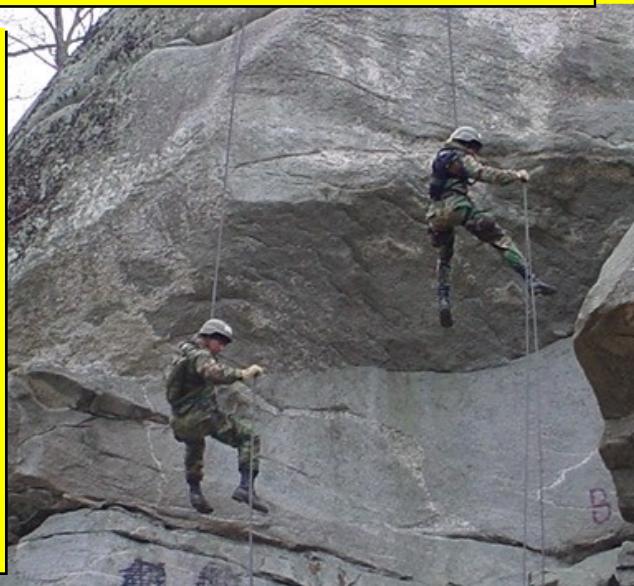
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# Mountain Phase

## *Current POI*

**SATURDAY****DAY-0**

- HAND-OVER
- MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS
- BN CDR INBRIEF

**LOWER MOUNTAINEERING****DAY-8****DAY-9****FTX (Tomahawk-RM1R33N)****• OUT-  
PROCESSING****OPN  
CTH FTX**



# Florida Phase

## *Current POI*

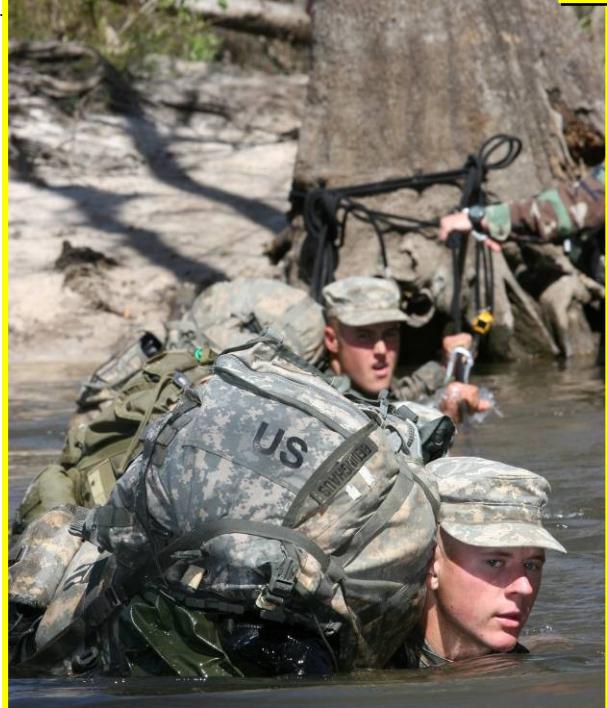
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**URSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATU**

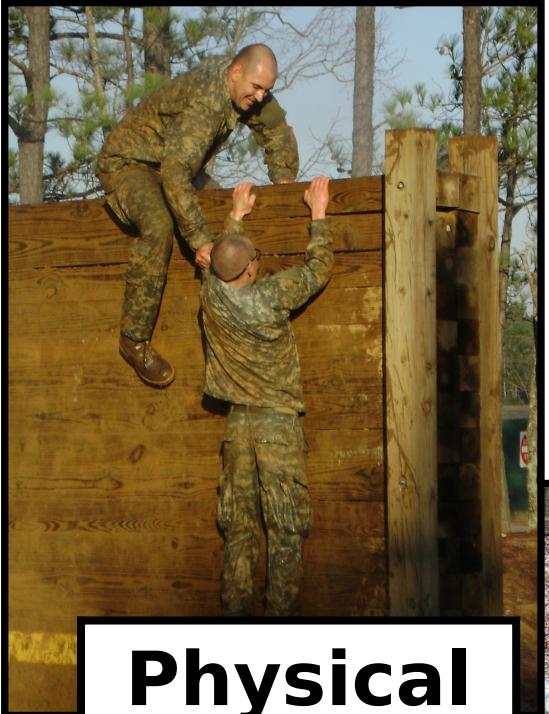
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# Keys to Ranger School Preparation



**Physical  
Fitness**

**Technical /  
Tactical  
Proficiency**



**Winning Spirit  
- Never Quit**



**Mental  
Toughness**



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# Graduation Requirements

- **Pass all Ranger assessment tasks**
- **50% “Go” for graded leadership positions**
- **Score 60 or greater on peer evaluations**
- **No more than three major spot reports**
- **Cannot be on Special Observation Report (SOR) probation**

**Students Graduated - Rates**

**FY 05: 1532 - 52%**

**FY 06: 1841 - 54%**

**FY 07: 1906 - 56%**





# FY08 Drops

## Through Ranger Class 09-08

**RPFT: 402 OUT OF 1432 TOTAL FAILURES**

STANDARD : 49 PUSH-UPS / 59 SIT-UPS / 5 MILE RUN 40 MINS OR LESS / 6 CHIN-UPS



**CWSA: 7 OUT OF 1432**

STANDARD: LOG WALK, 40 ft ROPE DROP, SUSPENSION TRAVERSE, AND 15 METER SWIM

UNIT  
VERIFICATION  
FUNCTION

**LAND NAVIGATION: 337 OUT OF 1432**

STANDARD: 4 OUT OF 5 POINTS / 4-5 KM COURSE / 4 HOURS

**FOOTMARCH: 98 OUT OF 1432**

STANDARD: 12 MILES in less than 3:15 MINS w/ 35 lb RUCK

= 1432 /  
3350

**ACADEMIC: 146 OUT OF 1432 = 10.2%**

PATROLS, PEERS, SPOTS OR ANY COMBINATION

REMAINING NUMBERS : MEDICAL 145/ ADMIN 81/ SOR (LIE, CHEAT OR STEAL) 116/ LOM 103



# Ranger Graduation

**BG William O. Darby  
Award**

**Distinguished Honor  
Graduate**

**COL (R) Ralph Puckett  
Award**

**Officer Honor Graduate**

**CPL Glenn M. Hall Award**

**Enlisted Honor Graduate**

**COL (R) Robert A. "TEX" Turner Leadership  
Award**

**Officer Leadership Award**

**SGM (R) Robert Spencer Leadership Award**

**Enlisted Leadership Award**

***“..though I be the lone survivor. Rangers Lead The Way!”***





# Ranger School Testimonials

*"I woke up in my foxhole in a cold sweat. I had a nightmare that I was still in Ranger School. - was in Vietnam. Compared to Ranger School, combat was easy."*

COL Robert "Tex" Turner  
Former Ranger Department Commander and Honorary Colonel of the RTB





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# Questions?



- **Ranger Training Brigade Website**
  - [www.benning.army.mil/rtb](http://www.benning.army.mil/rtb)
  - **Ranger School Preparation**



**R**ecognizing THE RANGER CREAMERY fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession, I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and high "esprit de corps" of the Rangers.

**Acknowledging the fact that a Ranger is a more elite soldier who arrives at the cutting edge of battle by land, sea, or air, I accept the fact that as a Ranger my country expects me to move further, faster, and fight harder than any other soldier.**

**Never shall I fail my comrades. I will always keep myself mentally alert, physically strong and morally straight and I will shoulder more than my share of the task whatever it may be. One-hundred- percent and then some.**

**Gallantly will I show the world that I am a specially selected and well- trained soldier. My courtesy to superior officers, neatness of dress, and care of equipment shall set the example for others to follow.**

**Energetically will I meet the enemies of my country. I shall defeat them on the field of battle for I am better trained and will fight with all my might. Surrender is not a Ranger word. I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy, and under no circumstances will I ever embarrass my country.**

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